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**THE
Hongkong Telegraph.**

HONGKONG, 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1881.

The following remarks, elicited by His Excellency the Governor's speech on the now famous Census Returns, which appeared in a recent issue of the London *Daily Telegraph*, are worthy of special attention:—

Hongkong, it must be admitted, does not present any specially favourite field for the enterprise of either English people or Americans. There are certainly no large fortunes to be made on the mass of granite rock at the mouth of the Canton river; and there may yet be elderly members of the Oriental and the "Service" clubs who have not ceased to lament that in 1841 we surrendered, in exchange for small and craggy Hongkong, the beautifully-wooded, fertile, and well-harboured Chusan group. We have done the best, however, with an acquisition which was nominally not very inviting; and the town of Victoria would appear to have benefited rather than suffered from the constant immigration of Chinamen from the mainland. Twenty years ago the population of the island did not exceed forty thousand of all races; but within the last four years and four months there has been an increase in the Chinese population alone of more than twenty thousand. The whites, in fact, but that the colony is garrisoned by British troops, might be in danger of being ousted by the Yellow Faces, whose investments in landed property far exceed those made by the "Red-haired Barbarians." While the total purchases of real estate by the Chinese between January, 1880, and July, 1881, were of the value of one million seven hundred and twenty-eight thousand dollars, the total purchases by "foreigners" amounted only to two hundred and thirty-eight thousand dollars. Sir John Hennessy holds, and demonstrates by very clear evidence, that the strong feeling of dislike felt for the Chinese in the United States and in Australia are not justified by their characteristics as exhibited in Hongkong. His Excellency maintains that the Chinese are not only good traders, but also, as a rule, honest. The testimony of a leading American merchant at San Francisco is quoted to the effect that "the Chinese pay their debts ten times more promptly than our white men do." Another witness remarks, "I take no bond or security from them," and a third attributes "the prosperity of the Chinese in San Francisco to their great commercial probity." To

this it may obviously be replied that in California above all other localities affected by emigrants from the Middle Kingdom, there are Chinamen and Chinamen. There are established in San Francisco a large number of Chinese mercantile firms of solid substance and high respectability. Many of the partners in these firms bring their wives and families with them, and they form a refined and estimable colony in the Golden City, looking up to, as their chief, the Chinese Consul-General, who is a mandarin of superior rank. Chinese shopkeepers of great wealth and unimpeachable integrity, are also numerous in the Chinese quarter of the town. But these merchants and traders mingle only in business with the whites. They are rarely visible out of their counting houses or their stores, and it is easy to understand the bank managers, shipping agents, and dry-goods brokers should, on the whole, prefer to do business with some person or persons who, although they may be infidels and have complexions of the hue of old parchment, are scrupulous in meeting their engagements and taking up their bills, rather than confine their transactions exclusively to Anglo-American houses whose principals, albeit admirable as husbands and fathers, and estimable as politicians, advocates of total abstinence and members of the First Methodist Church, are occasionally apt to "bust," and to pay their creditors a maximum dividend of seven and a half cents in the dollar. On the other hand, it is not with the representatives of Chinese mercantile firms of a high class that the section of Americans, and especially of Irish Americans in California, who most virulently loathe the "Heathen Chineses," habitually come in contact. The typical "John Chinaman," who is hated, scoffed at, abused, outraged, and occasionally murdered, by the population of El Dorado, is the typical representative of that abomination of the American working man—cheap labour. The American, or, rather, the Irish immigrant, demands even for his unskilled labour wages amounting to at least a dollar a day, and he requires such a prodigious amount of bread and meat for his sustenance, and such amazing quantities of whisky and tobacco for his diversion, that even a dollar a day is barely sufficient for his needs. If he marries he has, in most cases, a very large family. Lodgings are dear, wearing apparel is dearer, and the few cents which may remain to the working man after what he considers the necessities of life have been paid for are imperiously demanded as "assessments" by the wire-pullers of the political organisation to which he belongs.

Taking the Western working-man in his humblest capacity as a mere digger of canals, a delver of railways, and a carrier of loads of bricks, and even considering him as a skilled workman or handicraftsman, earning larger wages, but wanting more meat and bread, more whisky and tobacco, better lodgings, better clothes, and paying higher assessments to his political organisation, it is easy to imagine his exasperation when he finds the labour field and the workshop invaded by hordes of smooth, smiling, pig-tailed aitons, willing to undertake the hardest and most repulsive of toil at a reduction of at least 30 per cent. of the minimum demanded by the native Californian or by the bog-trotter just from Erin's verdant shores. It would be bad enough, the foes of John Chinaman declare, if it was only as a day labourer he competed with the white man; but his perseverance, his energy, and his industry open to him almost every department of production and manipulation. He works skilfully, expeditiously, and cheaply; and white manufacturers, although they may outwardly profess to dislike the Chinaman and to deprecate his toleration in the midst of white Christians, is secretly glad to avail himself of the services of a handy, diligent, and expert fellow, who can be utilised as a cook, a waiter, a valet, and a substitute for a chambermaid; who can wash and iron; who can hem pocket-handkerchiefs, make ladies' corsets and children's pinas, paint signs, engrave brass plates, "silk" piano-fortes, fabricate banjos, roll cigars and cigarettes; toil at felt hat, boot and shoe, glove and mitten, walking stick and whip making; and at scores more crafts of skill as well as strength to which white workmen have

served long apprenticeships. The Chinaman brings his dexterity and tools from across the ocean. He brings his very food with him, or buys that food from storekeepers of his own race, and in his own quarter in San Francisco, and he lives on scraps of imported nastiness which, in most cases, would excite nausea in the white man's stomach. He does not bring his woman-kind with him, but there come in his train a lamentable army of the Chinese courtesan, imported by Chinese panders who are bought and sold like sheep, and treated like slaves and bond-servants. Finally, John Chinaman, in California, can live anywhere, and he seems to prefer that which may be qualified as an annex to a pig-sty to a decent and comfortable dwelling. There he walks, and there, when his day's toil is over, he fiddles himself into the ecstatic stage of opium smoking. In blood, in religion, in all social customs and observances, he is an alien; and the "hood-lum" population of San Francisco evince their dislike for John Chinaman by kicking and beating him, hating him along by his pig-tail, and occasionally throwing him off sandbanks and into ponds. He does not appear to be very much more cordially regarded in Australia; but in Hongkong, where he far outnumbers the whites, he behaves himself properly, and, by all accounts, prospers exceedingly. Possibly the presence of a strong Government, backed by an adequate force of military and police, the equal justice meted out to all who are covered by the four corners of the British flag, and the insistence by the authorities on the adoption of proper measures of sanitation, may have had something to do in our settlement at the mouth of the Canton river with bringing about the encouraging state of things so graphically described by Sir John Pope Hennessy.

We have much pleasure in intimating to our subscribers and the public generally that on and after the 1st of January, 1882, the *Hongkong Telegraph* will be published in a much enlarged and greatly improved form. Arrangements have now been completed with an eminent London firm, for a first-class newspaper plant, complete in every detail, with a machine capable of turning out 1,500 copies per hour, which will enable us to offer to the public of Hongkong and the Coast Ports of China and Japan, a newspaper, equal in every respect, to the best journals in the Far East. The paper used for the new issue of the *Telegraph* will be superior to that of any newspaper at present published in the East, and with our improved appliances we shall be enabled to publish daily at one o'clock. In heartily thanking the public for their support of a "rag," which, according to the disinterested opinions of our knowing local rivals was to exist, for three weeks only, we now beg most respectfully to solicit a continuance of their patronage. In the future as in the past we shall always maintain a thoroughly independent position, and fearlessly speak our mind whenever the public interests are imperilled. As a stanch representative of public opinion, we hope to receive and deserve the suffrages of the entire community.

We need not dwell on the difficulties we have had to encounter in our endeavours to establish this journal on a permanent basis, as the public know the whole story right well, and as we have achieved success in spite of all factious opposition.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

According to the *Shanghai Mercury* the Dai Coal Mine at Saghalien is about worked out. Merchant steamers cannot receive any more supplies.

We observe from a report of the steamship *Sin-Nanping* in the *N. O. Daily News* that the French and German squadrons were at Chefoo on the 21st instant.

Notice to Mariners.—The Rees Rock Beacon, Min River, was carried away on the 10th, during the typhoon. The Customs will replace it as soon as possible.—*Mercury*.

Shareholders of the Union Insurance Society of Canton are reminded that the Annual General Meeting will take place at the Society's Office, No. 12, Praya, at three o'clock this afternoon.

We learn from H. E. the German Minister, that the Supplementary Treaty between Germany and China, details of which have already been published, was duly ratified at Peking on the 16th inst.

Messrs. Siemssen & Co's steamer *Yingtsze* went over to Kowloon Docks this morning to take in her new boilers, and undergo other repairs. It is expected she will remain at Kowloon for about six weeks.

We note the arrival of the British steamer *Mary Tatham* from Newport, England. She brings a cargo of railway iron for Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co. Are we justified in believing that "coming events cast their shadows before"?

We are informed by the Agent of the P.M.S.S. Co that the steamship *City of Peking* with San Francisco mails of September 6th left Yokohama for this port yesterday, and may be expected to arrive here on or about the 6th October.

We have been requested to state that commencing with Sunday next, the military services at St. John's Cathedral and St. Joseph's Church will be held at 9 a.m. instead of at 8 a.m. as in the summer months. The evening services at St. Joseph's will be held at half-past five.

The Siamese sloop *Bu-Cao* will be hauled up on the Patent Slip at Belcher's Bay to-morrow. This craft will be known in future as the last vessel ever "slipped" at West Point, arrangements having been completed to remove the Slip to Kowloon at an early date.

The following telegram has been received by H. E. the Administrator:—The Director of the Observatory, Manila, to the Governor of Hongkong, Manila, 3rd September, 1881, 7.35 a.m.: "A typhoon is coming from the E. of Fuzhou; its direction seems to be N.W. its inclination is not yet known. I advise in time because I am afraid of the interruption of the lines."

The members of the Government and Volunteer Fire Brigades turned out for practice on Praya West yesterday afternoon. The master was a fairly large one, and the men under the direction of Superintendents McEuen and Carvalho went through their work in a very workmanlike fashion. No. 1 Engine was stationed at the Harbour Master's office from whence two lines of hose were run up to Gap Street. N. 2 Engine was posted near the P. & O. Co's Wharf and fed No. 3 Engine which in its turn fed the hand engines at the Tung Hing Theatre. The practice was marked throughout by the excellent manner in which the firemen carried out their orders, and the celerity displayed in the various movements. Everything was as regular as could be wished, and evidenced the care and interest displayed in their work by all present.

We hear that our esteemed contemporary the *China Mail* has ceased to subscribe to the valuable institution known as Reuter's Telegrams. The *Daily Press* will therefore have the sole right of supplying the colony with latest telegrams from home under the old familiar heading. About a week ago our evening contemporary was blowing its own trumpet to some tune about the enterprise displayed by the local press in having such an efficient staff of short hand reporters, &c., &c. The boasted enterprise of the *Mail*, however, stops short at the fifteen dollars per month which Reuter charges for the privilege of publishing under official auspices those interesting, if somewhat vague, telegraphic messages which for months past have been the evening paper's principal, we might almost say sole attraction. Fifteen dollars per month appear to constitute a sufficient reason for our contemporary's desertion of those aristocratic and conservative traditions, which for so many years have been its most distinguishing characteristic. What will the admirers of the *Mail's* enterprise say now?

FOOCHOW.

It is reported that the case of *Punti versus Hodgson* will be taken, upon appeal, to Her Majesty's Privy Council.

On dit that the Fohkien Winter Race Meeting will be held on the 15th, 16th and 17th of December, and that training will commence on the 10th proximo.

The new Governor is expected to return from Formosa shortly, owing to the anticipated departure of H. E. the Viceroy upon his Provincial tour.

We learn that during the time the Brick Tea Factory of Messrs. Piatkoff, Molchanoff and Co. was on fire, the mob plundered the premises of Messrs. P. A. Ponomareff & Co. which were in close proximity to the former.

While on the subject of freights we hear that the two leading foreign steamer lines to the north are "competing" in a manner that must be highly gratifying to those who are engaged in the shipping trade of those parts; possibly more so than to the shareholders in the vessels. The suicidal antagonism has reduced the rates from Shanghai to Tientsing from Tls. 8 to Tls. 1.50 per ton for Bale goods.

We learn upon good authority that upon the representation of the Imperial Censor at Peking, orders have emanated from the Imperial Throne directing H. E. the Viceroy to institute strict enquiries into certain alleged disgraceful conduct of several of the High Officials at this port. Amongst those enumerated, are the names of Yeh Taotai, Sheung Taotai, Weng the Salt Commissioner, and Ch'u an expectant Taotai; together with five other officials whose names we have been unable to ascertain. It appears that the accusations against these officers have been made by the literati and gentry of this port, to the Imperial Censor who memorialized the throne to that effect. We do not know whether the "launch" question has anything to do with the enquiries to be instituted, although, *on dit*, such is the fact.—*Foochow Herald*.

GREAT FIRE AT FOOCHOW.

We regret to record the total destruction by fire of Messrs. Piatkoff, Molchanoff & Co's Brick Tea Manufactory at Hsi Ching (commonly known in Foochow as Sui Kun) in the Kien Ning district, about 22 miles from the Prefecture of Kienning, at nine o'clock on the night of the 14th instant, and the loss is estimated at over fifty thousand dollars. When the fire broke out, the Manager of the factory requested the Chinese who were employed by the firm, to render assistance towards checking the progress of the flames, but they distinctly refused to do, merely removing their own effects and leaving the edifice and surrounding buildings to the mercy of the fiery element. Aid, however, was not long coming in the person of the manager of Messrs. Tokmakoff, Shevaleff & Co's factory with a number of his employees, who were stationed at that firm's Brick Tea factory a little way from the place which was on fire. This aid notwithstanding its timely arrival, was debarred from being of any use, through the Chinese mob, which had congregated around the scene of the conflagration, driving the men away and preventing their doing any good, shouting at the same time, "Let the foreign devils and their property all burn." The flames had by this time gained complete mastery over the building which has now become a total loss. Regarding the origin of the fire, it is strongly suspected that the same was the work of an incendiary, as the flames originated in a portion of the building where access was denied, and where no one had any business to go. The sum of seven thousand dollars in hard cash was stolen during the fire, and is not included in the estimated loss referred to above.—*Foochow Herald*.

The ultimate effect of marriage upon man is to make all women appear lovely except her he has married.

The couples who want children have already grown apart, and hope to be re-united through the offspring.

The brightest idea we can have of heaven comes from thinking that there is neither marriage nor giving in marriage.

LATE INDIAN NEWS.

The following Indian telegrams were crushed out yesterday:—

Simla, 26th August.—The Secretary of State has sanctioned the recommendation of the Government of India to raise the Panjab University College to the status of a University by the legislation necessary to effect this desirable measure. The Governor-General is pleased to sanction the extension of the Bronze decoration given in commemoration of the march from Kabul to Kanhalah in August, 1839, to the troops which then composed the garrison at Khelat-i-Ghilzai, and accompanied the force under General Roberts from that place to Kanhalah.

Gauhati, 25th August.—Another Comet was seen here last night at 7 o'clock. It is very bright, and with a long tail. The position is North West, West of the Great Bear. It was visible up till ten o'clock.

Calcutta, 31st August.—Lord William Beresford succeeds Colonel White as Military Secretary when the latter vacates his post.

Quetta, 27th August.—Strong reinforcements from Kabul under Sirdar Mohamed Aziz Khan, consisting of Cavalry, Infantry and Artillery, reached Khelat-i-Ghilzai on the 18th, and it is reported that the Amir with more troops is following. Ayub still continues to send arms, stores, and money to Herat. The Durani Horse have not yet assembled to join him at his request, and his Kabul troops are still very discontented.

Lahore, 26th August.—News from Quetta, published here in the *Civil and Military Gazette*, is that the Amir's advance guard has reached Kelat, and the Amir is following close behind.

Report is again current that Mr. Aitchison succeeds Mr. Egerton as Lieutenant-Governor of the Punjab.

Simla, 28th August.—It is reported from Kandahar that Ayub with his army was expected to march on the 28th. Sardip Mir Mahammed, with Cavalry, is on the march forward towards Khelat-i-Ghilzai. The principal Chief of the Lotak Ghilzais has come to Kandahar.

Simla, 29th August.—A letter dated the 23rd, received at Chaman says that Sirdar Aziz Khan with his force had halted by the Amir's order at Shahjehi. The Amir himself with infantry, cavalry, guns, and some irregulars, was expected to reach Khelat-i-Ghilzai on the 29th, but it seems improbable that he will arrive so soon. It is said that a force under Mahomed Kadus Khan is making a counter movement on Herat. The report is repeated, but requires confirmation that Ayub intended marching on the 28th, leaving Sirdar Hasjin Khan in charge of Kandahar.

Simla, 31st August.—Letters from Kandahar received at Chaman on 3rd say that Ayub marched on or about the first of September, taking with him seven weak regiments, leaving two disarmed Kabul regiments in Kandahar. All the Chiefs of importance are ordered to accompany him. Suttipur Nur Mahomed commands the tribal horse; the merchants and cultivators are said to be discontented with Ayub's Government.

News received from Kelat dated 23rd August, states that Aziz Khan with his force has halted at Shahjehi for facility of supplies. The Amir with Infantry, Militia Cavalry, and guns was at Beh or Mashaki. Letters received from the Amir's camp at Puk Maida, dated the fifteenth August, show he was pushing on by daily marches, and hoped to reach Gozni on the nineteenth. The Amir's advance is stated to have caused a marked change in his favour through the country.

It is reported at Khelat-i-Ghilzai that reinforcements from Kabul had arrived at Sholjyee, and the Amir had reached Mashaki with a large force and was expected at Khelat-i-Ghilzai on the 29th. Ayub with seven regiments is still encamped outside of Kandahar, it was not known when he intends marching.

The following additional items are taken from the current number of the *London and China Express*:—

We hear that the Keeling Coal Mines, which are now under the Foochow Arsenal authorities, are prospering very well, the output being between 50,000 and 60,000 tons per annum. This amount could be doubled.

however, were there a sufficiency of labour. There are now two collieries, and hopes are entertained that more will be opened and the business increased ere long. Gas is now made on the spot for the purpose of lighting the works, and it is anticipated to soon manufacture patent fuel and fire bricks. The Peninsula and Oriental Steam Navigation Company announce that, commencing with the departure of the steamer *Rome*, on October 4th, passengers will be embarked on board the Company's steamers at Gravesend instead of at Southampton, as heretofore. Arrangements have been made with the London Tilbury and Southend Railway Company for the despatch of a special train from the Liverpool-street station of the Great Eastern Railway at 11 a.m. every Tuesday. Passengers will be conveyed from this station to Tilbury, and thence to the Company's vessels in a comfortable steamer. The usual regulations as to baggage, &c., are in force as heretofore. Up to the end of the year the company's steamers will call at Southampton on the homeward voyage to land passengers. From the commencement of 1882 they will call at Plymouth, homewards only. On the homeward voyages passengers who come to London will not disembark at Gravesend, but will be conveyed on to the Royal Albert Dock, from whence there is frequent train accommodation to London.

The King of the Sandwich Islands and his suite were present at a bull-fight at Lisbon on the 22nd instant, and left the same day for Madrid and Paris. The King was much pleased with his stay in Lisbon, and was everywhere well received. King Kalakaua has received from the King of Portugal the Grand Cross of the Order Villa Viçosa. The *Gazette* notifies that Her Majesty the Queen has been pleased to approve of Mr. John M. Forbes as Consul for Hongkong, to reside at Victoria, for his Majesty the King of Sweden and Norway; and of Mr. Tso Ping-lung as Consul at Singapore for his Majesty the Emperor of China.

We understand that arrangements for the revision of the Japanese Treaties will be sufficiently forward to allow of the departure of Sir Harry Parkes, H.B.M. Minister in Japan, in the month of October.

With reference to the proposed Exhibition in Shanghaï in 1883, we understand that although matters are being pushed at home, here, no decisive steps have as yet been taken.

Mr. A. M'Arthur has given notice in the House of Commons that on an early day next Session he will call attention to the subject of domestic slavery in Hongkong.

We understand that Ayub has booked her passage to Shanghaï by the Messageries Maritimes steamer *Yungtsé* to rejoin her husband, Sir Thomas Wade, at Peking.

LATEST COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

Friday, September 30th, 1881.

One o'clock P.M.

To-day being settling day the whole attention of the members of the Stock Exchange has been entirely devoted to that important duty. We have consequently very little in the shape of business to report. Chinese Insurance shares are rather firmer than when we last wrote, buyers offering to deal at 390. A few Dicks were sold yesterday afternoon at 41 per cent. premium, and they are still on offer at that rate. Sugars are weaker, and holders would be glad to sell at 160, but no business has resulted so far as we have heard. Steamboats are quiet at 25 per cent. premium, and Banks and Hotels remain at annexed nominal quotations. Although the Annual Meeting of the shareholders will be held this afternoon, the stock of the Union Insurance Society of Canton has not been mentioned in the share market for some considerable time.

Shares.

Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Shares—112 per cent. premium, Sellers.

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China Traders' Insurance Company's Shares—\$1,600 per share.

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On Tai Insurance Company, Limited—Tls. 150 per share.

Hongkong Fire Insurance Company Shares—\$977 per share, Sellers.

China Fire Insurance Company's Shares—\$285 per share, Sellers.

Hongkong & Whampoa Dock Company's Shares—41% premium, Sellers.

Hongkong, Canton & Macao Steam boat Company's Shares—\$25 per share premium, Sellers.

China Coast Steam Navigation Company—Tls. 162 per share.

Hongkong Gas Company's Shares—\$85 per share.

Hongkong Hotel Company's Shares—\$113 per share, Sales.

China Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$160 per share, Sellers.

China Sugar Refining Company (Debentures)—3 per cent premium.

Hongkong Ice Company's Shares—\$127 per share, Sellers.

Hongkong & China Bakery Company Limited—\$50 per share.

Chinese Imperial Government Loan of 1878—1% premium, Ex Int.

Chinese Imperial Government Loan of 1881—3% premium.

Exchange.

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SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

ARRIVALS.

Sept. 29, *Kestrel*, British gunboat, 610.

W. M. Lung, Canton 28th Sept.

Sept. 29, *Shelburne*, British gunboat,

Lieut. Commander, M. L. Bridger,

Swatow 27th September.

Sept. 29, *Welle*, German steamer, 393,

Massmann, Hoihow 28th Sept.,

General.—Meyer & Co.

Sept. 30, *Bellerophon*, British steamer,

1,396, F. W. Freeman, Foochow

28th Sept., Tea.—Butterfield and

Swire.

Sept. 30, *Hungarian*, British steamer,

939, H. J. J. Wise, Australia, Java

ports and Batavia 21st Sept.,

General.—Geo. R. Stevens & Co.

Sept. 30, *Mary Tuhun*, British str.,

1,043, John Gourby, New port,

England, 6th August, Railway-

iron.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

Sept. 30, *Carnarvonshire*, British str.,

1,530, W. Patrick, Foochow 28th

Sept., General.—Adamson, Bell

& Co.

Sept. 30, *Yungtsé*, British steamer,

782, Schultze, Canton 29th Sept.,

General.—Siemssen & Co.

Sept. 30, *Danube*, British steamer, 561,

A. Clanchy, Binkok 21st Sept.,

General.—Yuen Fat Hong.

DEPARTURES.

Sept. 29, *Miramar*, British steamer, for

Swatow.

Sept. 29, *Brisbane*, British steamer, for

Port Darwin, &c.

Sept. 29, *Meath*, British steamer, for

Foochow, &c.

Sept. 30, *Kang-chi*, Chinese steamer,

for Hoihow and Haiphong.

Sept. 30, *China*, German steamer, for

Swatow.

Sept. 30, *Altontower*, British steamer,

for Shanghai.

Sept. 30, *Thon Kramon*, Siam, bark,

for Bangkok.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per *Danube*, British steamer, from

Bangkok, 40 Chinese.

Per *Welle*, German steamer, from

Hoihow, 15 Chinese.

Per *Hungarian*, British steamer, from

Australia, &c., Mr. Loyde, C.E., and

90 Chinese.

Per *Bellerophon*, British steamer,

from Foochow, Capt. Williams, Mrs.

Ballistes, Messrs. England and Fordham and 34 Chinese.

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For *Brisbane*, British steamer, for

Port Darwin, 10 Europeans and 20

Chinese.

For *Meath*, British steamer, for Foochow, 3 Europeans.

For *Miramar*, British steamer, for

Swatow, 1 European.

For *China*, German steamer, for

Swatow, 1 European.

For *Kang-chi*, Chinese steamer, for

Hoihow, 2 Europeans and 100 Chinese.

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Per *Thon Kramon*, Siam bark, for

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